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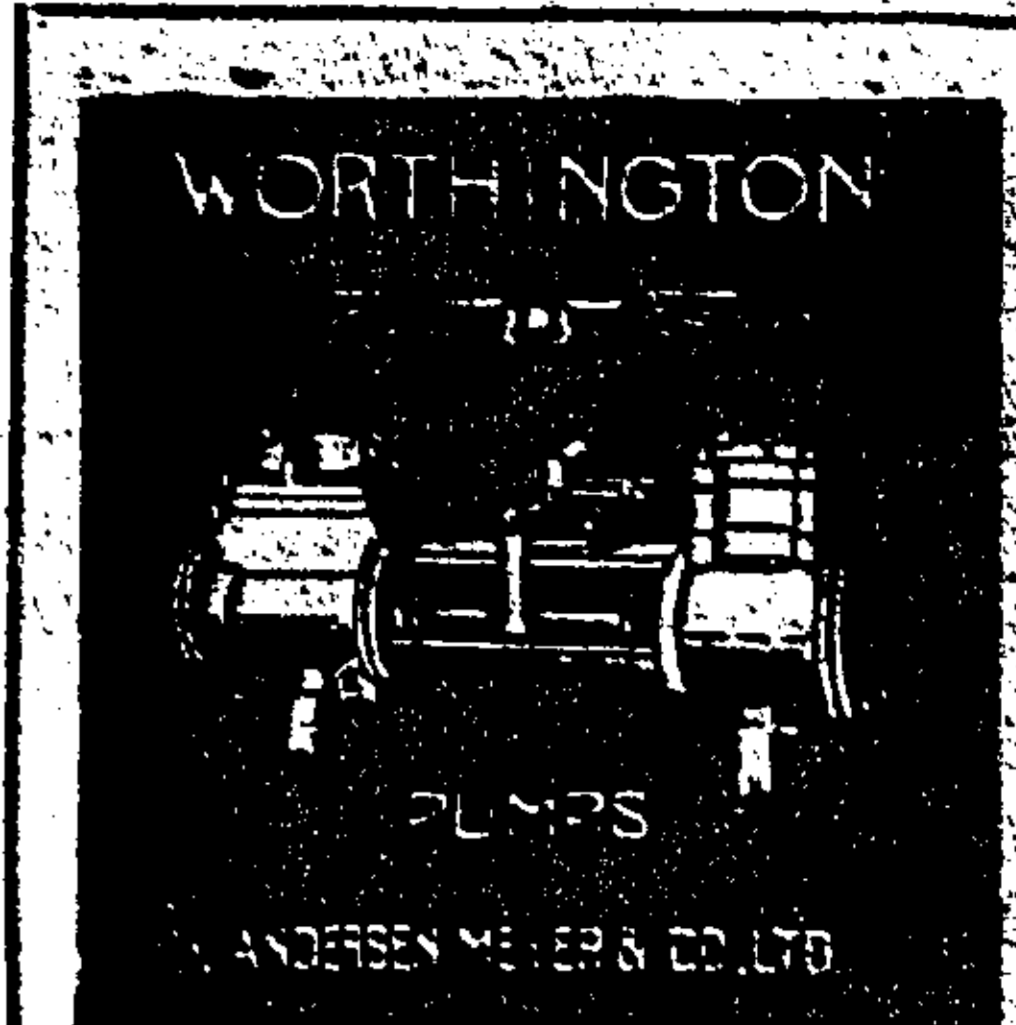
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THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

ENSURING CHINA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

All-Round Pact as Substitute for A.J. Alliance.
(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, December 7.
The Far Eastern Committee unanimously adopted resolutions ensuring the territorial integrity of China, providing for the use of wireless stations and providing for China's neutrality in the event of war in which China is not a party.

According to information from American official sources, a tentative agreement between Britain, the United States, Japan, and France, to replace the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, is now being reduced to treaty form, and, if accepted by the respective Governments, will be submitted to the United States Senate. It provides for joint consultation in any matters affecting interests of the four Powers in the Pacific Islands. Each Power undertakes to consult the others before going to war on any differences relating to those Islands. Questions between the United States and Japan relating to cable facilities on the Island of Yap and other matters will be dealt with by a separate treaty, which is stated to be nearing completion.

Use of Radio Stations in China.

Washington, December 7.
An official communique states that at to-day's meeting of the Committee on Pacific and Far Eastern questions all the delegates were present, except Baron Shidehara (Japan) and Senator Underwood (America).

A report was submitted by the Sub-Committee on Drafting relating to radio stations for China, which states that representatives of the nine Powers at the Conference decided that all radio stations in China, whether maintained under the provisions of the International Protocol of September, 1901 or, in fact maintained on the grounds of any of the foreign Legations in China, shall be limited in use to sending and receiving Government messages and shall not receive or send commercial, personal, or unofficial messages, including Press matter.

It is provided, however, that in case all other telegraphic communication is interrupted, then, upon official notification, accompanied by proof of such interruption to the Chinese Ministry of Communications, such stations may afford temporary facilities for messages excluded as before-mentioned until the Chinese Government notify the termination of the interruption.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Plans for Development.

Washington, December 7.
The annual report to Congress of Mr. Weeks, Secretary for War, declares that the plans for national defence contemplate a more complete state of preparedness than ever previously in peace time, and recommends the maintenance of a large surplus of officers of the Regular Army to train the Reserve personnel.

Mr. Weeks suggests doubling the capacity of the Government military academy, and says that new types of military equipment from the infantry hand-grenade to the heaviest artillery being produced will gradually supplant the existing types. Poison-gas and chemical warfare are being studied secretly. Although America may be opposed in principle to the use of poison-gas, she cannot safely presume a similar attitude on the part of opponents. The report emphasises that the United States Army is much behind the leaders in aerial development in warfare, and urges every encouragement of commercial aviation.

CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTION.

A Woman Member.

Ottawa, December 7.
The election returns show: Conservatives, 43; Liberals, 109; Progressives, 33; Labour, 2. Forty-eight constituencies have not yet reported.

The Liberal leader, Mr. Mackenzie King, was elected by a majority of nearly a thousand. One woman, Miss McPhail, has been elected for Ontario.

Liberal Majority Over All Opposition Parties.

Later.
Mr. Mackenzie King, who received many telegrams of congratulation, though the results are incomplete, said that the people of Canada had shown that they are heartily sick of coalitions. He rejoiced that the Liberals were returned by a clear majority over both the other groups, and would therefore be able to carry on without coalescing or log-rolling.

THE BADAQ TIN-MINING EPISODE.

Arrest of Adventurer.

Melbourne, December 7.
Orton, discoverer of the Badak tin-mining property in the Malay Peninsula, has arrived in Queensland, where he is charged with conspiracy to defraud. The incident has recalled the August 1920 sensation on the Melbourne Stock Exchange caused by the continuous heavy fall in the shares of the property on adverse reports. Orton was then reported to have said that he was prepared to return to the mine and obtain results similar to those he had previously reported, as he believed that the property was being wrongly treated, but the Commonwealth authorities were reported to have withdrawn his passport pending enquiries.

U. S. TARIFF BILL.

Proposed Amendments.

Washington, December 7.
Senator Smoot has introduced two amendments to the Tariff Bill, one empowering the President to proclaim the American valuation as the basis for levying duties, the other authorising him to raise or lower to 50 per cent. the rates fixed by the Bill.

NON-CO-OPERATORS ARRESTED.

Ban on Meetings.

Delhi, December 7.
Twelve non-co-operators have been arrested at Allahabad for attempting to address meetings and to enrol national volunteers in defiance of the prohibition. The Magistrate at Lucknow has prohibited meetings and hantals for two months.

FRENCH PREMIER ON GERMAN POSITION.

"Fraudulent Bankruptcy."
(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 7.
M. Briand stated in the Senate that he was certain none among the Allies held for a minute that France should be ruined for the sake of Germany, which would become wealthy by means of a fraudulent bankruptcy.

The Chamber's action in voting by 460 to 100 the postponement of the discussion of foreign affairs signifies another victory for M. Briand.

FUNDING ALLIED DEBT TO THE U. S.

Secretary of Treasury's Report.

Washington, December 7.
The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon, in a report to Congress, refers to the question of funding the foreign indebtedness to the United States of \$10,000,000,000.

Mr. Mellon draws attention to the fact that within six months \$67,500,000 of short-dated Government debt will mature, and argues at length in favour of the reduction of income surtaxes from 50 to 30 per cent. and even 10 per cent. for peace times. He contends that heavy taxes prevent enterprise.

P. AND O.'S "WRETCHED YEAR."

Seamen's Wages A Heavy Charge.

London, December 7.
At the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Co., Lord Inchcape, who is a member of the Geddes Economy Committee, outspokenly criticised the State's expenditure, and declared that our commitments, unless modified, would lead us to bankruptcy. The only hope of the country lay in a reduction of expenditure.

His Lordship said that in common with most shipping companies, the Peninsular and Oriental Co., had had a wretched year. He declared that wages aloft must be reduced if British shipping was to hold its own.

SEAMEN'S WAGES.

Owners to Apply for Further Reduction.

London, December 7.
Shipowners have notified the National Maritime Board of their intention to apply for a further reduction in the wages of sailors and firemen by 23 a month. It is understood that the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union are preparing to oppose the reduction.

ANTHRACITE FOR THE STRAITS.

First Swansea Consignment.

London, December 7.
The first cargo of Swansea coal to go to the Straits Settlements is being loaded. It consists of 4,600 tons of anthracite.

STRAITS LOAN LIST CLOSED.

London, December 7.
The Straits loan list closed at 11 o'clock this morning.

SINN FEIN INTERNEES TO BE RELEASED.

London, December 7.
His Majesty has approved the release of all interned prisoners in Ireland.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE IRISH SETTLEMENT.

London, Dec. 7.
Excepting the *Morning Post*, which still refers to the "Irish rebels," all the morning papers comment enthusiastically on the Irish agreement.

The *Times* says it constitutes one of the greatest achievements in our imperial history.

The *Daily Chronicle* regards it as a greater thing than the victory of the great war because it is a rich and positive contribution to the wholeness of the world's politics.

The *Daily Telegraph* says: Wherever our tongue is spoken the news will be heard with heartfelt joy and thankfulness.

The *Daily Express* observes: The face of the world is changed. The Labour organ, the *Daily Herald*, says: It is like waking up in a new and better world.

The *Westminster Gazette* says: After seven hundred years England and Ireland are at peace.

The newspapers are also full of praise of Mr. Lloyd George's genius, patience and statesmanship.

CHINA'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

London, Dec. 7.
The *Daily Chronicle's* correspondent at Washington states that there is already much talk of the Chinese delegation withdrawing from the Conference and doubtless much pressure to that end is being exercised. The correspondent is of the opinion that such a sensational step would not be warranted by fact and it would be an unwise policy, for China will be the chief beneficiary of the Conference.

Paris, Dec. 7.
It is stated in Washington that it is declared in Chinese delegation circles that in accordance with their Government's instructions the delegation will withdraw from the Conference if the Sino-Japanese and Shantung conversations do not bring a solution favourable to Chinese interests. The Government has instructed the delegation not to yield on any point concerning the unconditional return of Kiaochow. The delegation has, at present, no intention whatever of withdrawing.

GERMAN BANK COLLAPSES.

Berlin, Dec. 7.
The *Platzsche Bank* at Ludwigshafen has suffered a loss of three hundred and forty million marks owing, it is alleged, to officials' speculation. The *Deutsche Bank* has intervened to save the bank from collapse.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To-Day's Meeting.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Searle, K.C.M.G.) presiding. There were also present: Lt.-Gen. Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., C.S.I.; The Hon. Mr. Claud Meyer, C.M.C., Colonial Secretary; The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Attorney General; The Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Director of Public Works; The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, C.B.E., Colonial Treasurer; The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education; The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs; The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang; The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird; The Hon. Mr. Lau Chin Pak; The Hon. Mr. Chow Shoo-sun; The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen; Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, Clerk of Councils.

Before the usual business of the Council commenced the Hon. Mr. Chow Shoo-sun, who took his seat to-day in place of the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook for the first time, took the oath.

Financial Minutes.

The following Financial minutes were referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently approved:—

\$7,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong; Miscellaneous (17) Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages.

\$10,000 in aid of Charitable Services, Grant in aid of Charitable Institutions; John G. Kerr Hospital, Canton.

\$4,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Establishment, Other Charges, Electric Fans and Light.

\$9,000 in aid of the vote Treasury, Stamp Office, Other Charges, Stamps, &c.

\$144,524 in aid of the following votes:—Miscellaneous Services: Newspapers and Periodicals, \$300; Printing and Binding Civil Service List, \$121; Miscellaneous Papers, \$25,000; Ordinances, &c., \$1,800; Rent Allowance, \$10,000; Rent of Public Telephone, \$2,100; Transport of Government Servants, \$105,000.

\$10,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (66) Compensation and Resumptions.

\$45,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Waterworks (19) Maintenance of City and Hill Districts.

\$3,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Waterworks, (22) Water Account, (Meters, &c.)

\$5,500 in aid of the vote Colonial Secretary's Office, Personal Emoluments.

\$560 in aid of the following votes:—Charitable allowance to John Dowling at Sydney, \$60; Passages and relief of Destitutes, \$500.

\$3,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, (86) Miscellaneous Work.

\$391 in aid of the vote Kowloon, Canton, Railway, Special Expenditure, Wagons.

Government Quarters.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock asked the following questions: With reference to the letter from "Brown Sugar," headed "Government Officers' Quarters," in the *South China Morning Post* of Friday, 18th November, in which it is stated that Government Officers, occupying Government Quarters, are several of them, sub-letting part of their Quarters to relatives and friends, for personal profit, will the Government state:—

1. How many instances of such sub-letting exist and in respect of what Government Quarters?

2. Is such sub-letting permitted by the Government or not? If so what conditions or regulations govern such permission?

3. Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of such conditions or regulations?

The Colonial Secretary replied: Sub-letting is not permitted and there is no reason to believe that any cases have occurred.

"Class 3 sets out the offences for which the punishment of stocks may be imposed, and provides that in the case of a summary conviction this form of sentence shall not be carried into effect until the expiration of seven days from the date of the sentence, this provision being inserted to allow an appeal against the sentence. This clause also limits the imposition of stocks by providing that male offenders only shall be so punished, and further adds a power for the Supreme Court to impose this penalty after conviction on indictment."

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"Class 5 repeals the existing section of the Magistrate's Ordinance, 1890, authorising the penalty of stocks."

The fact that the writer of the letter to which the honourable member refers has made his accusations against the propriety of Government officers under the shelter of anonymity instead of signing his name like an honest man, seems to afford sufficient evidence that he knows them to be untrue.

New Rents Bill.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a new Ordinance to amend the Rents Ordinance, 1891.

The Hon. Attorney General explained that the original draft excluded hotels and boarding houses altogether from legislation, but it was afterwards found on representation being made by keepers of Chinese hotels and boarding houses that the danger existed that the rents of the premises might be unduly raised and in the Bill passed provision was made to include such establishments. No danger was then anticipated regarding non-Chinese hotels and boarding houses but it had been found since that the e boarding houses were subject to the same risk as Chinese and the Bill brought non-Chinese hotels and boarding houses within the scope of the rents legislation. The reason for protecting hotel and boarding house keepers against undue raising of rents was, of course, partly to protect the keepers themselves and also to enable premises where a great number of persons lived to be carried on as at present. The present danger was that hotel keepers might be driven out of business and a large number of people turned out, who might find it difficult to obtain accommodation elsewhere. He explained that the Ordinance did not deal with the rent charged by boarding house keepers to their guests as that rent was governed by all such things as the hire of furniture, the cost of living and payment for personal services. It had not been found possible to deal with that complicated question.

The reading was agreed to.

New Stocks Bill.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of an Ordinance to regulate the imposition of the penalty of stocks. The "Objects and Reason" stated:—

"The object of this Bill is to abolish the penalty of stocks except for the offences of kidnapping, traffic in women and girls for the purposes of prostitution, and living on the proceeds of prostitution."

"It is considered that this penalty should be restricted to cases where the offender has something substantial to lose by publicity being given to his conviction, and where it is important that such convictions should be made as public as possible in order to deter others. It seems desirable that certain members of the public should be reminded in this way that kidnappers, for instance, and persons who traffic in women and girls, are from time to time tracked down and punished. Convictions for larceny on the other hand are so common that no publicity is necessary, and the deterrent effect of stocks as a punishment for serious offences like armed robbery is hardly appreciable in the case of a criminal who is prepared to run the risk of flogging and a long term of imprisonment."

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FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Three Reported Yesterday.

An accident, which, it is believed, may prove fatal to the victim, took place on the tram-lines at the City Hall bend yesterday. An elderly Chinese was crossing the road when he was knocked down by a tramcar which at the moment was turning from Queen's Road. The injured man was taken to hospital. A Chinese woman died on her way to hospital yesterday from the bile at the Happy Retreat where she was injured by a stone falling on her. The remains were taken to the Mortuary.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The next boxing tournament takes place in the Theatre Royal on Saturday, December 17th.—Page 4.

Creditors of the Hanroto Steamship Co., Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) should note that the meeting now takes place on Wednesday, January 4th, at 12.30 p.m.—Page 4.

The special attraction at the Grand Theatre to-day is Harry Selwyn's "The Rent-Collector" whilst at the Kowloon Theatre there is a special cabaret dance.—Page 12.

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CHRISTMAS NUMBER

will be issued on Saturday, 10th December.

Consisting of 24 illustrated pages, with handsome coloured cover, it contains interesting Christmas stories by well-known authors; a page of puzzles; all about Santa Claus, which will delight the children; a special story for children, written and illustrated by Hilda Cowman; and a wealth of other things typical of the Christmas Season.

This special number will be given FREE with the Hongkong Telegraph on Saturday, 10th December. The public will greatly assist the management by demanding a copy when purchasing the paper.

In explaining the Bill the Attorney General said it was considered that this somewhat antiquated penalty should be restricted in its use, and it should be confined to cases where some sort of public advertisement appeared desirable.

The reading was agreed to.

A Treaty of Peace.

The only other business was the second reading of the Bill introduced by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock for the purpose of modifying the provisions of the Ordinance, 1921, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Ordinance to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong. This passed through all its stages.

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'FRISCO TRADE DELEGATES.

A Tour of the Harbour.

TWO NEW SHIPS LAUNCHED.

"It was instructive and interesting, and we enjoyed it very much," one of the San Francisco trade delegates told a *Telegraph* reporter at the conclusion of the tour round the harbour yesterday afternoon. A large party of members of the San Francisco Trade Delegation and wives and a number of prominent local people took a trip round the harbour in the s.s. *Henry Keswick*, during which the party stopped at the Talkoo Dockyard to witness the launching of a new river steamer, the *Changsha*, and at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dockyard, where the Delegation saw the launch of the s.s. *Petricola*, and then partook of an excellent tea provided by the Company. The party left Blake Pier shortly after two o'clock and returned about a quarter past six, and judging by what a press representative heard, they all had a thoroughly good time.

THE LAUNCHINGS.

The launching of both ships was a great success. Both vessels slid gracefully into the water and appeared to be very fine ships. "This ship is bound to be lucky," a lady told a reporter, pointing to the *Petricola*, "because the moon is shining over its shoulder." Whether the moon over her bow will bring her luck is difficult to say, but she is a splendidly built vessel and deserves to do well, as does also the smaller ship launched at the dockyard over the other side of the water.

At Talkoo Dock Mr. Shaw performed the christening ceremony. Speaking from the platform, Mr. G. T. Edkins (General Manager) said: We in Hongkong are very glad to see you here today, interesting yourselves in this port and its resources, and we are very glad to show you all we can in the limited time at your disposal of what is going on here in trade and industries.

Coming as you do from San Francisco, your interests are natural, in view of the growing trade and shipping relationships between your city and Hongkong. Just as Hongkong is the big ocean port on this side of the Pacific, so San Francisco is the leading port on the eastern shores. We correspond to each other, and interest and intercourse are natural. While we have very close attachment to Vancouver and Seattle, and a growing interest in Los Angeles and San Diego, San Francisco stands out by virtue of its great shipping and commercial status as the chief of all these very live coast centres of human activity and effort.

California and British Columbia are fascinating places not only from the business point of view, but for recreation and good health; and many of us have pleasant recollections of good times spent in one or other, or both countries, among the genial and hospitable people who have developed the resources of these comparatively new lands and created so many fine and progressive cities and industrial centres. I found California ever full of interest, and we all wish you a continued safe and pleasant voyage and happy return to that good country.

The Old and the New.
As to the ship we have just seen launched, she is not a very big one, being about 300 feet long; but she represents the best of workmanship and design, with improvements on what has gone before. She is equipped for cargo handling to meet the latest requirements of trade on the Upper Yangtze River.

Some of you during your visit to China have probably noticed some of the old type of passenger steamers worked with paddle wheels, with the walking beam above the deck which still ply in and out of Hongkong and Shanghai. Such steamers are a reflection of the boats developed to so great an extent by Americans on the Great Lakes and rivers, and they probably recall to you familiar associations in the old country. Such steamers have served a very useful and profitable purpose in China waters in the past, but for many years now the change to twin-screw ships has been introduced for light draft boats, and the boat just launched is one of this type. Paddle wheel steamers were the light draft boats of earlier days; but as time went on it was found impossible to secure the highest possible draft with propeller driven boats, and the *Changsha* is an example, with exceptional carrying capacity on light draft. She will carry something like 1,000 tons, including stores and bunkers, on 7 feet. We feel sure that she will do credit both to her owners and builders, thanks to the good workmanship of the staff of this dockyard.

I am grateful to Mrs. Shaw for so gracefully launching the *Changsha* for us. I was glad to be able to persuade her to christen the ship, as I know she has always watched the steamer traffic at Shanghai with personal interest during her life there; and I know she continues that interest and will attach herself to the well-being of this new river steamer, which is to ply between Hankow and Ichang, and so endow the ship with the best of good luck. I will ask Mrs. Shaw to accept this small souvenir of this very pleasant occasion.

Mrs. Shaw received a diamond set brooch.

Mr. Edkins concluded: Ladies and Gentlemen, There is a good deal more to occupy your attention this afternoon, and I will not detain you beyond asking you to drink with me good luck to the steamship *Changsha* and continued prosperity to her owners, the China Navigation Company. (Applause).

The toast was honoured and the party returned to their boat.

The *Changsha*.

The twin-screw river steamer *Changsha* is built to the order of the C. N. Co., Ltd., for service on the middle Yangtze River. Her principal dimensions are: Length over-all, 297' 6"; beam moulded, 45' 0", and depth moulded 15' 0". The gross tonnage is 2,500, and she carries 1,650 tons deadweight on a draft of 9' 0". The vessel is of the awning deck type and has two complete steel decks with long promenade and shade decks.

Accommodation is provided on the awning deck amidships for 36 first class Chinese passengers, and the third class accommodation, for 94 passengers, is situated on the awning deck aft. Large state-rooms for European passengers, dining saloon, and accommodation for officers and engineers are provided on promenade deck. The crew is berthed in 'ween decks forward.

The vessel has one mast, fitted with four derricks, capable of dealing with heavy lifts. A steam windlass is fitted forward and a steam capstan aft for warping purposes. Steam steering gear is fitted amidships, controlled from navigating bridge. Electric light and steam heating is fitted throughout. The vessel is propelled by two sets of triple-expansion surface-condensing direct-acting engines, capable of developing collectively 1,500 indicated horse power. Each engine is fitted with a surface condenser, uniflux type and a separate steam driven circulating pump. The air, feed and bilge pumps are worked by lever-off the L.P. engine crosshead. Steam is supplied by two large multitubular cylindrical boilers, having a working pressure of 190 lbs. per square inch, working under forced draught, and using superheated steam. Auxiliary machinery includes one pair of Weir's feed pumps and heater, separate centrifugal circulating pumps for each engine, general service, fresh water pumps, etc.

The Kowloon Launching.
At Kowloon the visitors were welcomed ashore by Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chief Manager of the Dock Company. They found a bigger crowd, and a bigger ship to be launched, the *Petricola*, second of the four tankers being built for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd.

Mrs. N. L. Watson, wife of the local Manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, cut the cord and then christened the ship with the beribboned time-honoured bottle of champagne. Like the Talkoo event the launching was entirely successful, and when the crackers and the other acclamations had subsided and the ship was comfortably afloat, it was a big gathering that assembled in the beflagged recreation room to toast and talk about it.

Mr. H. P. White, Chairman of Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, was in the chair. He said he was glad to see so many members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce present and he extended to them a hearty welcome on behalf of the Dock Company. He thanked Mrs. Watson for the very able way in which she had despatched the steamer to her work, and invited the guests to drink success to the *Petricola* and to her owners. He asked Mrs. Watson to accept a small souvenir of the occasion. (Applause).

Hongkong and San Francisco. The toast having been enthusiastically received, Mr. Dyer

Chairman of the San Francisco delegation, said: On behalf of this visiting delegation from San Francisco, I desire to thank you sincerely for your very kind and cordial reception. We came to the Orient to learn, and we are certainly learning in full measure. There are a number of striking resemblances between Hongkong and San Francisco, and some very sharp contrasts. Hongkong is about as old as San Francisco, and like that port it started from nothing. San Francisco was begun about 1850, with the gold excitement; and if my history serves me right, Hongkong is about as old as that. San Francisco and the surrounding territory has about the same population, nearly a million, that is situated here around Hongkong and the river territory. You have drawn your great importance from your position, with your wonderful harbour, as a port of entry for the Pacific trade and Oriental trade generally. Hongkong is important, also, because there is behind it a great country, drained by big rivers, at the delta of which you are situated. We in San Francisco largely draw our importance from the fact—or did do so—that we are situated on San Francisco Bay, which drains the state of California by two important rivers. It is rather interesting that you should be celebrating today the launch of a fine big tanker, testifying to the importance and value to you of the petroleum trade. We in California have developed quite a position of importance as a producer of crude oils. Coming to the contrasts, you in Hongkong have laboured earnestly and seriously as pioneers to build up a goodwill, with connections all over the world, and to develop to its utmost that trans-Pacific and export and import trade which you so deservedly hold. We in San Francisco have largely depended in the past upon our agricultural and mineral resources and our timber lands. Now, however, the Pacific becomes more and more important, and we on the west of the United States begin to realise our larger responsibility and our larger possibilities in the development of the great Pacific Ocean trade and of the territories that surround that Ocean.

Come here to Learn.

We come here to learn, and to see, humbly, how you have been able to do things, and we hope we shall go home wiser and better able to supplement and complement over there on the far western seaboard of the United States the things you have been able to do so well on this side of the Pacific. Again allow me to thank you most heartily and to offer you a cordial welcome to come often and soon to our shores. (Applause).

Mr. Watson, replying on behalf of Mrs. Watson, rejoiced that the launch had been a success, as were all launches at Kowloon Dock. He mentioned that he had satisfied himself by consulting works of reference that the word *Petricola* was really a shell and not, as some persons thought, a telegraphic address or "shareholder." (Laughter). The *Petricola* and her sister ships were the first tankers built east of Suez, except in Japan, and were the first built out here on the Isherwood system, when first introduced, was regarded as absolutely revolutionary.

China's Limitations.

Mr. Watson said that all these boats had been built by Chinese labour. The Chinese were said to be wedded to old ideas; but this rather proved the contrary. There was one very important thing to remember, however, viz., that these boats had been built by Chinese labour but under foreign advice, under Mr. Dyer and his very able assistants; and he thought that was a lesson which people who were trying to get China to move too fast would be well advised to consider. (Applause). There was not one single enterprise, so far as he knew, in China, either North or South, with possibly one exception, which had done any work of this description unless it had its "Dyer," and there were any number which had attempted to do great work and had failed because they had not competent supervision and initiative, which was only supplied by men of Mr. Dyer's calibre. (Applause). He invited the guests to drink to the health of the Dock Company, coupled with the name of Mr. Dyer.

The toast was heartily honoured. Mr. Dyer thanked them for so kindly responding to the toast of the Dock Company and also mentioned the pleasure it gave the Company to have the representatives from San Francisco present. When San Francisco ships come back they would be identical with those being built for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company at the Kowloon Dock.

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with the three being built at Los Angeles. The Dock Company was the very much indebted to the San Francisco Company for helping them with some of the designs and specifications, which enabled his Company to proceed very much quicker than they would otherwise have been able to do. He trusted that the visit of the delegation had been instructive and that they would go back with some idea of the work being done in Hongkong. (Applause).

(Continued on Page 4.)

San Francisco delegation
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ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' SECTION. The annual General Meeting will be held at the Helena May Institute on Saturday, January 7th at 11 o'clock. Every lady interested in Golf is urgently requested to attend. LADIES' CAPTAIN'S CUP. The last qualifying round for 1921 will be played at Penling on Tuesday, December 27th. By Order.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, E.C.

An Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China will be held at the Masonic Hall, on FRIDAY, the 9th inst., at 5.30 p.m. for 6 p.m. PRECISELY. To install: Worshipful Brother Horace Percy Smith, P.D.G.W. as Deputy District Grand Master. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of two Lots of Crown Land at Shauiwan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

| Lot No. | Area | Boundary Measurements | Contents | Annual Rental | Upset Price |
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| 1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
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NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wanchai Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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NOTICE.

We have this day REMOVED our Office to No. 6, Des Vaux Road, above the Bank of Canton Limited.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

Next Tournament Theatre Royal. Saturday, December 17th at 9.15 p.m. Booking at MOUTRIE'S. Wednesday, 14th Members only on production Current Membership Cards. General Public, Thursday, 15th to Saturday 17th. Prices \$5.— & \$3.— reserved and \$1.— unreserved. J. NUARY TOURNAMENT. Saturday, January 14th. at 9.15 p.m.

AMENDED.

THE HAUTO TO STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance to Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911-1921 a meeting of Creditors will be held at Chartered Bank Building, 3 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong on Wednesday the 4th day of January 1922 at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose provided for in the said Section. Dated the 8th day of Dec., 1921. THOS. H. G. BRAYFIELD. Liquidator c/o Carmichael & Clarke, 3, Queen's Buildings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Friday the 9th Dec., 1921 commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 50 Godown of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon (for account of the concerned) 610 sacks Flour "Fan Brand" and afterwards at No. 51 Godown 352 sacks Flour "Hatch Brand" (all more or less damaged by sea-water) Terms: Cash on delivery. LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Tuesday, the 13th Dec., 1921 commencing at 2.45 p.m. at "Marguerite" No. 1 Carnarvon Road, Kowloon A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

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A FREE LECTURE on CHRISTIAN SCIENCE by John C. Lathrop, C.S.B., of Brookline, Mass., Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., will be delivered in the City Hall (Chamber of Commerce Room). Thursday, December 8th., at 5.30 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED

THE THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th December, 1921 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September 1921, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY, the 1st December 1921 until SATURDAY, the 10th December 1921, both days inclusive. SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers, Hongkong, 19th November, 1921.

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LEAGUE OF FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE.

A general Meeting of Members will be held in the City Hall, on Monday, the 12th December, 1921, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of amending the Rules, if thought fit, as follows:—By amending Rule 2, so as to read as follows:—2. The objects for which the League is formed are—(i) To promote good fellowship and peace between all Nations. (ii) To promote good fellowship within the Colony, irrespective of race, class and creed. (iii) To promote matters which shall be of service to the community. By amending Rule 4 by the addition at the end thereof of the words:—Any person may become a Life Member by paying the sum of Fifty Dollars. and also for the purpose of electing Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, and discussing the future programme of the League.

EMPIRE LEAGUE 10,000,000 STRONG. Earl Haig appealed to all ex-Service men to join the British Legion and become part of the great Empire Service League, at the reunion dinner of Old Comrades of 17th Lancers, the "Death and Glory Boys," at the Great Eastern Hotel, London. He wanted the league, he said, to become 10,000,000 strong.

THURSDAY'S CONCERT.

An Attractive Programme. The concert to be given in the Theatre Royal on Thursday night by Mr. Harry Ore, Mr. Van Onderwijzer and Mrs. Bowes Smith promises to be a real musical feast and will doubtless meet with the cordial support deserved by such talented artists. At the last concert, given in St. Andrew's Hall, a big audience was enthusiastic in its appreciation. As will be seen by the programme given below a varied and popular selection has been made. 1. Prolog "dell' Opera I Pagliacci (Leoncavallo), Mr. Onderwijzer. 2. (a) Gavotte (Beethoven-Auer), (b) Ballade (Chopin), Mr. Harry Ore. 3. (a) Unmindful of the Roses, from the "Sorrow Songs" (Coleridge-Taylor), (b) "The Blind Ploughman" (Coningsby Clarke), (c) "Down in the Forest" (Landon Ronald), (d) "Love, I have won" (Landon Ronald), Mr. Onderwijzer. 4. (a) Hindon Song (Bemberg) and (b) "Snowflakes" (Mallinson), Mrs. Bowes-Smith. 5. (a) Air dans l'Opera La Traviata (Verdi) (b) Chanson du l'oreador dans l'Opera "Carmen" (Bizet), Mr. Onderwijzer. 6. (a) The Sea (Palmgren), (b) The Snow is dancing (Debussy), (c) Valse "Faust" (Gounod-Liszt), Mr. Harry Ore. 7. Pensee d'Automne (Massenet), (b) Jonge Liefde (Mann), (c) Noordzee (Hulbroek), Mr. Onderwijzer. 8. Duo de Nedda et Silvio dans l'Opera Paillasso (Leoncavallo), Mrs. Bowes-Smith and Mr. Onderwijzer.

FOR CHARITY.

Concert In Aid Of Leper Hospitals. Under the auspices of the Victoria Diocesan Association a concert was given last evening in the Cathedral Hall in aid of the Leper Hospitals at Pakhoi and Leinchow. The hall was well filled and great appreciation of the items was shown. These certainly comprised an extremely attractive programme. Mrs. Bowes Smith, who sang Tosti's "L'Ultima Canzone" and Puccini's "One Fine Day" in addition to two duet songs by Landon Ronald, gave fine renderings instinct with feeling. Singing Landon Ronald's songs first in order she was probably suffering slightly from nervousness; and she showed to best advantage, we think, in the last half of the programme. This, however, had completely left her at her second appearance and she sang with her customary ease in fine style. Mr. W. R. Crow pleased the audience greatly with his interpretations of songs by Easthope Martin, Franco Leoni and Francis Allinson. They were well selected and he certainly made the most of them. Mr. Eric Rice is becoming well known in the Colony as a pianist of distinction. He led off the programme with selections from Chopin including the posthumous Marche Funebre; other classics included three love songs by Grieg, Schumann, Liszt—fine studies in contrast. The moderns were well represented. We had the "Poissons d'Or" of the evanescent, sensitive Debussy, whilst English composers were represented by York Bowen in a clever nocturne for left hand only and Mr. Rice himself in an attractive piece marked by considerable individuality. Mr. Rice has a sensitive touch and a delicate sense of light and shade in tonal effects. He deserved the prolonged applause he got and one felt rather sorry he did not oblige with an encore. Among those present were Lady Stubbs and His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria who returned thanks to all those who had assisted in any way with the organisation of the concert.

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To-Night's Kowloon Theatre Attraction.
The first of a series of weekly dances which should speedily become a feature of Kowloon social life, the popular dance advertised for the Kowloon Theatre to-night lacks nothing for pleasure. The orchestra, which has already proved its worth at the cinema dances unique to this theatre, will be specially augmented for the occasion and the whole of the excellent floor will be available for dancing. As the tickets will be limited in number in order that the commodious floor may never at any time be overcrowded, it is advisable to purchase them early at Messrs. Moutrie, failing which they can be procured at the theatre itself after 5.30 p.m.

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Goods not cleared by the 13th Dec. 1921 will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th Dec. 1921, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

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'FRISCO TRADE DELEGATES.

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The Petriola. The single screw vessel Petriola, built and owned by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at their works in Kowloon, for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., London, is the second oil tanker carrying petroleum in bulk to be built in China, and, as mentioned, is the second of four vessels now under construction for this Company. The principal dimensions are as follows: Length overall, 427 feet; Breadth extreme, 53 feet 5 inches; Depth moulded, 31 feet; Lead draft, 24 feet 9 inches; Deadweight carrying capacity, 3,400 tons. The vessel has a straight stem and elliptical stern, with long poop, together with a short bridge and fore-castle, and has been built on the Isherwood longitudinal system of framing, to pass Lloyd's 100 A.I. Class. The machinery is aft.

Accommodation for the navigating officers is provided in houses on bridge deck, and the engineers on the poop, each with a separate room; also saloon and engineers' mess room are fitted out in an artistic style. The petty officers, firemen, seamen and greasers' quarters are situated in the fore-castle, and their three mess rooms are in poop near the engines casing. Both a European and a native galley are supplied.

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FOOTBALL.

Charity Match.

In view of the recent disastrous fire in Yingtak, the South China Athletic Association has arranged, with the approval of the Hongkong Football Association, for a charity football match with the Club, to be played on Saturday on the Club ground at 4.00 p.m. in aid of the above fund. This match serves for both a League match and a Charity match. Mr. R. J. Wilton, the President of the League, has kindly consented to kick-off. The following players will represent South China A.A.: Lau Hing-cheung, Chan So, Fung Tai, Cheung Wing-sing, Leung Tai-fong, Leung Yuk-tong, Lau Fat-chung, Au Kiu-sang, Wong Pak-chung, Ip Kau, Chan Kwong-yeung. The Association Committee appeals for support towards this deserving cause.

2nd Division League.

Below is the result of the 2nd Division of the Hongkong League up to and including December 3rd:

| Club | P. | W. | D. | L. | P. | P. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| South China A. | 6 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 30 | 10 |
| University | 5 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 20 | 9 |
| Wills | 5 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 3 | 8 |
| Curlew | 6 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 9 | 8 |
| R.G.A. | 7 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 8 |
| U.A.C. | 7 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 7 |
| South China B. | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 6 |
| St. Joseph's | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 5 |
| H.K. Club | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 4 |
| Kowloon | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 2 |
| Punjabis | 7 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 1 |

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CRICKET.

R.G.A. v. Wills.

Played on the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground yesterday the above match resulted in a win for R.G.A. by 73 runs.

| Player | Runs |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Captain Davies, l.b.w. Brown | 67 |
| Captain Olliver, b Brown | 29 |
| Ed. Chester, l.b.w. Wyndham | 23 |
| Br. Baker, b Macdonald | 25 |
| Capt. Spinks, c and b Brown | 19 |
| Major Bagnall, b Purton | 9 |
| Ed. Graham, c Brown, b Purton | 0 |
| C. S. M. Williams, not out | 25 |
| Ed. Graham, l.b.w. Macdonald | 0 |
| Gr. Davies, l.b.w. Macdonald | 4 |
| Gr. Dyer, c Rogers, b Brown | 14 |
| Extras | 27 |

Total 241

| Player | W. | M. | R. | W. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Macdonald | 9 | 57 | 8 | 17 |
| Purton | 8 | 43 | 2 | 17 |
| Brown | 12 | 43 | 2 | 17 |
| Read | 4 | 31 | 1 | 17 |
| Wyndham | 3 | 21 | 1 | 17 |

Total 154

| Player | W. | M. | R. | W. |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Lt. Col. Wyndham, b Davies | 6 | 65 | 8 | 17 |
| R. P. Bevan, c Spinks, b Davies | 65 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Macdonald, b Davies | 17 | 8 | 17 | 17 |
| Pte. Brown, c and b Graham | 34 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Major Culter, b Bagnall | 6 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Ed. Graham | 0 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Bdmr. Easton, c Davies, b Graham | 0 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Capt. Bleckly, c Dyer, b Olliver | 3 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Sgt. Holdman, run out | 3 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| L. Cpl. Purton, st. Bagnall, b Graham | 7 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Bdmr. Rogers, not out | 14 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Pte. Read, c Davies, b Graham | 0 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Extras | 14 | 17 | 8 | 17 |

Total 154

CLUB TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following teams will represent the H. K. C. C. on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:
On H. K. C. C. Ground, v. C. R. C.—R. H. Haddock (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, Major R. M. Edwards, E. J. R. Mitchell, F. H. Farthing, L. J. Davies, F. N. Young, E. G. Lammer, H. E. Benson, D. Reid and B. D. C. Morgan.
On University Ground, v. University.—A. B. Raworth (Capt.), H. H. Taylor, W. W. Mackenzie, A. K. Mackenzie, A. S. Exell, M. D. C. Sandberg, M. M. Watson, G. M. Dorkins, G. W. Sewell, W. Fraser and J. E. Way.

USING "FREE" LIGHTS.

And The Consequences.

Wong Ping-cheung, the master of a teahouse at 71, Main Street, Aberdeen, and Wong Kau, a "customers' contractor" to the Hongkong Electric Company, were charged by the Hongkong Electric Company before Mr. J. B. Wood yesterday with stealing electric current. Wong Kau was further charged with receiving stolen electric current.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson prosecuted on behalf of the Electric Company. The proceedings originated out of a raid conducted by Mr. E. W. Lewis, an Assistant Main Superintendent of the complainant's firm, at 71, Main Street, Aberdeen on the evening of November 20th, in consequence of an anonymous letter which the Company received.

The ground floor of the house was devoted to the tea business while the second floor was occupied by defendants and their families. Mr. Lewis found two electric lights burning on the first floor and four electric "pendants" on the shop premises, but they had no bulbs. The first defendant admitted being the chief tenant of the house. On examination of the Electric Company's wires which ran along outside No. 71, Mr. Lewis found that the insulation cloth of a portion of one of the wires had been removed and attached to this part there was a wire which led into the house and which fed the two lights. According to the evidence of Mr. Lewis the Electric Company did not supply current without meters. Applications for current were either sent in by the consumers themselves or the contractors, but they must bear the name of a contractor and must be sent in on the company's forms.

Wong Ping-cheung said that his house be lighted with electricity, and on witness's order he fitted his shop with four electric pendants and one on the first floor. He gave defendant \$5 to get an electric meter. Wong Kau put up two electric lights in his own cubicle. He did not steal electric current. In his evidence Wong Kau admitted that he undertook to put up five lights for his chief tenant, and had written an application to the Electric Company for a meter, but the application failed and the \$5 which he sent together with the application was returned to him. When Mr. Lewis visited the house there was an electric

light burning on the first floor. This was his light. It had been used for two nights, on the 19th and 20th, by an employee of the Electric Company named Lok Yue who slept in his room. He asked Lok Yue not to connect the wire of the house with the company's wire, but Lok Yue said he had authority from the Manager to do so.

Lok Yue denied the allegation. At the conclusion of the evidence the Magistrate said the second defendant would be convicted of larceny, but not the first accused who had put himself in the hands of the second man. He had paid him \$5 for the meter.

In imposing a fine of \$100, or three months' hard labour, the Magistrate told defendant that it did not make any difference whether he made the connection or Lok Yue. He knew perfectly well that a permit from the Electric Company was necessary.

SALE OF WORK.

Function At Union Church.

The compound of Union Church, Kennedy Road, was yesterday afternoon the scene of a miniature mart when a sale of work, organised by a number of energetic ladies, took place. The proceeds will be utilised to defray the expenses incurred in obtaining the recent new supply of hymn books for Union Church. There was on sale a large assortment of fancy household articles, some of which were specially suitable for Christmas presents. They included socks, collars, ladies' embroidered handbags, cushions, hairpins, toilet articles, pin cushions, etc. All found a good market and in a few hours after the opening of the sale the different stalls were almost denuded. To the children who attended, the brass tube were the centre of attraction.

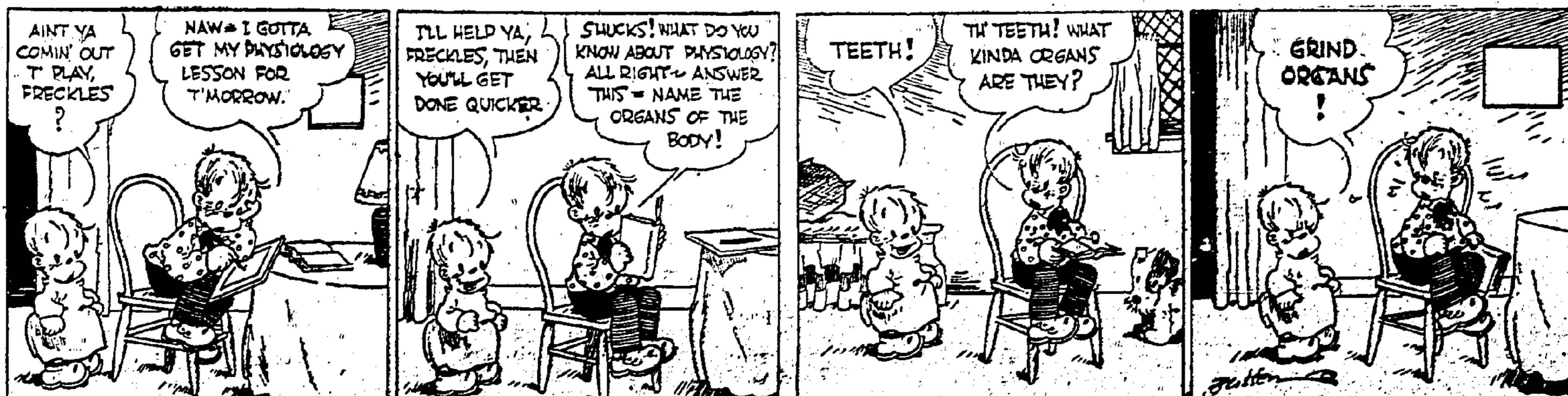
The following ladies volunteered their services: Mesdames Macdonald, McCubbin, Mitchell, Wilson, Henderson, Milne, Madie, Hamilton, Hughes, Davey, Purves, Davidson, MacKenzie, Drummond and Stewart, the Misses Rodger, Farrell and Watson.

CAMBRIDGE MEMORIAL CHAPEL. Given by Sir William and Lady Noble in memory of their son killed in the war, a memorial chapel at Westminster College, Cambridge, was dedicated last month.

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THE GREAT STUMBLING BLOCK.

If for no other reason than that it saw a definite agreement come to between the political leaders of southern Ireland and the British Government the year 1921 will go down in history as noteworthy. One can scarcely yet appreciate the fact that the Home Rule controversy has ended, yet it has—apart, of course, from any objections which Ulster might have to being a partner in the new arrangement. Ever since the demand for Home Rule was first put forward as a definite policy in 1871 it has continued to be the great stumbling block of British politics. It has been a rock on which has split not only many administrations but—more unfortunately—a rock on which has split the British people, recently to the point of an open breach. No question has ever aroused greater animosities, no cause has ever been more fervently advocated or more strenuously opposed. To write the history of the Home Rule struggle is to write of the sorriest period in British politics; to write of the settlement of the problem is to write of the finest thing we have achieved in years. The Peace of Versailles was scarcely less important.

The actual details of the settlement yet to hand are somewhat meagre, but we know enough to show that the British Cabinet has at last subscribed to the idea of an All-Ireland Parliament. For some little time past things have been pointing in that direction, the claim of Ulster has been viewed as extreme as that of the men who clamoured for a Republic. Mr. Lloyd George and his colleagues have, apparently, realised that the demand of southern Ireland for an All-Ireland Government has the force of being not only popular but also of being historically founded. Throughout the whole of the last forty years the majority of Irishmen have insisted on the right to govern their own country, but because of the vigorous opposition of the north-eastern section and also because of a rather mistaken sense of fair-play on the part of the British Government the act of devolution has been delayed and haggled over until passion instead of reason entered largely into the matter. There is no need to detail the sordid history of the movement and it would be ungracious at this stage to speak of blame. It has been well said that it is darkest at the hour before dawn. The news of the past few days was discouraging—hope seemed to be given up. And then one short telegram received at five o'clock on Tuesday night heralded the better and altogether joyous news of yesterday. The great stumbling block has been rolled away just when it seemed to become of even greater weight.

Irishmen the world over will have received the news with gladdened hearts, and we know of many in this Colony to whom the thought of a peaceful and prosperous homeland, freed at last from the sound of rifle-shots and the destruction of property, will come as the lifting of a great shadow. The finish of the story will remain with Ulster. The British Parliament will ratify what Mr. Lloyd George has done and it is now left to the opponents of Home Rule to decide for harmony or division. If Ulster stands outside, her boundaries are to be redrawn; if she comes in, she can be associated with her sister provinces in a common effort to wipe away the stains of the past and to make Ireland the fair and happy country her sons have so long dreamed of.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

A Question of Form.

When discussion was raging a few months ago in regard to the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the hope was expressed that the objections to it might be overcome by its expansion so as to include the United States, thus disposing of Uncle Sam's apprehension that the alliance was directed against him. It was also proposed to include China, so as to avoid any appearance of ignoring China in matters directly affecting herself. This four-Power arrangement would thus round off the situation. Events at Washington appear to be tending in that direction, the chief hindrance being, as it would seem, America's traditional aversion from "entangling alliances." It looks as if this matter is, after all, largely a question of phraseology. The United States must desire some kind of arrangement, else why summon the Conference? If the objection be to a formal treaty, as apparently it is, this surely need not be an obstacle. Some of the reports speak of an "understanding," which implies a verbal arrangement, or at least one not reduced to specific form. Another report uses the term "gentleman's agreement," presumably to signify much the same thing. The "gentleman's agreement" in the case of the Japanese settlers in California is in writing, but it is not a formal instrument. Prudence suggests some simple record, such as a minute of proceedings, a memorandum, or an exchange of notes; but if the United States Senate, which has a general control of foreign relations, feels an invincible repugnance to treaties, there is no imperative need for the decisions to be embodied in that form. As a matter of fact, the United States Constitution does not call for the consent of the Senate so long as the arrangements are not reduced to the form of a treaty, albeit it is obviously desirable that Congress should be acquiescent in any decisions arrived at—a consideration to which the President and the members of the American delegation are evidently alive. What is earnestly to be hoped is that, if the parties can agree upon conditions, the settlement will not be jeopardised by a question as to the form the arrangement shall take. The latest news is that an all-round pact is well under way.

Pirates!

Doubtless the good folk at Home, who nowadays think of the Jolly Roger chiefly in connection with the revival of Gilbert's delightful comedy "The Pirates of Penzance," would be astonished to learn how rife this form of depredation still is in Chinese waters. The case of which we published some particulars last evening, and this is but one instance among many, shows that if the pirate of 1921 is less sanguinary than his predecessor he still belongs to a different category from the comit, even if his operations sometimes have a streak of the droll, which his victims can hardly be expected to appreciate. The latest example is certainly far from a jest. Owing to the activity of the pirates, some hundred junks bound for Wuchow formed themselves into a fleet, but even then they were attacked and many of them robbed by a horde of over a thousand well-armed pirates. Only the arrival of troops, it is reported, prevented the whole of the vessels from being ransacked, and the rescue was of but qualified advantage to the owners of the junks, or at least to the owners of the cargo, as the soldiery demanded 50 per cent. of the cargo by way of reward. There is work here for the Canton Government. The pirates are a plague, to put the position mildly, and the demand of the troops is not one that can be countenanced by a progressive Administration.

Mammoth Purses.

The manager of the National Sporting Club, Mr. A. F. Bettinson, has been favouring the *Weekly Dispatch* with his views upon the magnitude of the purses offered to boxers, which he considers has exercised a detrimental effect upon the sport. From one point of view it might be argued that the prizes are their own justification, since promoters would not offer them if they had not the support of the public. As a "market value" argument, there is logic in this. All the same the views of the N. S. C. manager may be, as we think they are, sound in essence. The public, carried away partly by the

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS NO TIME SO MISERABLE BUT A MAN MAY BE TRUE.—Shakespeare.

There were two cases of diphtheria reported yesterday, both sufferers being Chinese.

Members of the Q.C.O.R.A. are reminded of the Second Annual General Meeting, which takes place at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow in the Hall of Queen's College.

Fifty rolls of silk of the value of \$3,000 were, according to a report sent in stolen from a Chinese piece-goods firm at No. 45 Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

There was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday a European seaman, named Fred Scampa, who was found in an intoxicated condition on the Star Ferry Wharf with a bruise on his face.

A concert will be held in the Cathedral Hall (St. John's) this evening at 9.15, under the patronage of Lady Stubbs, Lady Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Bowden-Smith in aid of the Leprosy Hospital at Pakhoi and Leinichow.

There will be a memorial service for the late Dr. G. P. Jordan in St. Stephen's Church on Sunday morning at 9.30. Those wishing seats to be reserved for themselves should apply to Mr. Teesdale-Mackintosh, the University.

A recommendation that recognition should be accorded a district watchman whose vigilance and prompt action resulted in the arrest of a pickpocket near the Central Market yesterday was forwarded to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to-day. Mr. R. E. Lindsell made this recommendation when he had heard the facts of a case in which a Chinese was charged with stealing a razor from the pocket of a Filipino motor car driver. It appears that the thief was being watched the whole while he was at work on the pocket of the Filipino, and was arrested by the watchman very soon afterwards. The thief was sent to prison for three months.

An amah was this morning charged with the larceny of \$500, the property of her mistress, a Chinese woman, who acts as a contractor for the supply of coolie labour. Inspector Blackman said that on the 4th instant, two days before the discovery of the theft, the key of the safe where the money was kept was inadvertently left in a jacket in the cubicle. When questioned by her mistress the defendant denied having opened the safe saying that she picked the note up off the ground, but admitted that she gave it to a fellow-tenant to be kept in the latter's box. In reply to the Magistrate this morning defendant admitted having stolen the money and was sentenced by Mr. J. R. Wood to three months' imprisonment.

Prosecuting on behalf of the C.S.P., Mr. G. N. N. Tinson at the Police Court this morning pressed a case against a Chinese fireman of the Blue Funnel liner *Lycaon* who was arrested aboard the vessel yesterday on the discovery of 200 rounds of ammunition and two mauler pistols. A heavy penalty was asked for in view of the fact that at the present moment there is a great deal of arms trafficking going on in the Colony. Mr. Tinson recalled the recent case of a Chinese chief fireman of the s.s. *Elfenor*, who, for the possession of 250 revolvers and 24,000 rounds of ammunition, was given a heavy penalty. Mr. J. R. Wood decided to give four months' hard labour to the defendant in the present case.

"boosting" which sections of the Press give to boxers, are apt to allow their enthusiasm to outstrip reason. It has often been said that "old-timers" would gasp at the mention of modern purses. There is, in point of fact, no need to go back as far as that. Within the term of men still young in a broad sense, a thousand pounds may be said to have represented the maximum, and a man had to be in class A1 to get that sum. When a prize of over \$100,000 was put up for the Jeffries-Johnson contest even experienced hands were taken aback. This year we have had a contest for half a million. Where is the limit going to be fixed?

FRIENDSHIP IN COMMERCE.

Trade Delegate's Impressions.

"Commerce as an end in itself has ceased to be the all-absorbing question it has been in the past," remarked Mr. H. L. Judell, head of the cigar-importing firm of H. Judell and Company, of San Francisco and one of the trade delegates at present in the Colony, to a reporter of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

The observation was made during a trip round the harbour aboard the tug *Henry Keswick* yesterday afternoon, when under the guidance of Mr. R. M. Dyer, members of the Trade Delegation were being treated to a beautiful view of the Colony. With a wave of his hand which took in the whole picture, Mr. Judell proceeded—

"This is a wonderful place and I am glad to have made its acquaintance. This tour has been one of pleasurable contact with many new friends. Commerce is nowadays principally built on friendship and this trip has brought the bonds very much closer across the Pacific. We meet many friends, and the exchange of views helps to build up a community of interest which is no less advantageous to trade than it is to the moral relations between the respective countries."

Having been told of local labour conditions and of the recent demands for higher wages by labourers Mr. Judell said: "Conditions in America at the present time are not very attractive either. Of late, however, there has been a tendency to revert to the pre-war scale of wages consequent on a gradual fall in the cost of living. Unemployment is, however, rife, and such troubles as have held up Pacific Coast shipping are of common occurrence. The abject poverty so perceptible in many of the places we have visited was surprising, when viewing the number of the people in the light of the rich productivity and size of their countries. Such countries as the Netherlands East Indies and Indo-China are self-contained empires in themselves as amongst their products are found the chief necessities of life and some that are not necessities but luxuries."

Describing his visit to Canton, where they met a cordial welcome, Mr. Judell said that the progress achieved in that City was much more advanced than they had been led to expect. It had been the impression of members of the Delegation at the outset of their trip across the Pacific, that Canton was a city of narrow lanes, not over clean perhaps, where the foreigner was regarded with suspicion. That impression was quickly dispelled after an hour's acquaintance with the city and its leading citizens, and the common verdict was that the visit to Canton was one of the most pleasant incidents of the tour.

A LADY'S IMPRESSIONS.
Admiration for the ladies of Canton was expressed by Mrs. Berkovich, wife of another member of the delegation, in an account of her visit to that City.

"I was surprised to find Canton as it is," Mrs. Berkovich said. "During my stay there my interest was greatly drawn to the discovery that many of the ladies of the place are graduates from American Universities. They welcomed us as if we were old friends and when a banquet was given to the trade delegates in our party, the ladies, not to be outdone in the manifestation of the warmth of our reception, served up an impromptu banquet on their own account for us ladies. We had a feeling as if we were at home amongst these kind people, and we gladly joined in the singing of 'Aloha Oe,' which, I confess, left us very much affected. Outside of Manila I imagine there is no other place in the Far East we have visited where we feel so much at home. I was presented to a young lady who has opened a studio for pupils. She returned to Canton a year ago from studying at an art school at Boston, and appeared to be somewhat disappointed because she had so far succeeded in getting only ten pupils. But I think it splendid that she should have been able to obtain that many in so short a period. She has, in my opinion, made a success of her work, and will do more in that way to bring Western ideas to the City than can be done by any other means."

25,000 FOR BRISTOL UNIVERSITY.
Mr. C. Elatt, baker, of Oaklands, Almondsbury, near Bristol, has contributed £25,000 to the funds of Bristol University.

LOCAL SHIP-OWNER SUED.

"Cheeseparing" the Bill.

Mr. H. M. H. Namaze was sued in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, by a painting contractor named Ah Yau, trading as the Shun Hing, in connection with material supplied and work done in his ship, the *Rupara*. Plaintiff was represented by Mr. A. H. Crow and Mr. M. H. Turner conducted the defence.

On Aug. 4th, said Mr. Crow outlining the facts, plaintiff saw certain work at an agreed figure. The following day plaintiff and Mr. Namaze went on board the *Rupara*, in the latter's launch, and defendant decided that further work should be done. The only item in dispute, Mr. Crow explained, was for work done in the fo'castle. The dispute was whether the charges for the fo'castle were reasonable or not. When plaintiff went on board, defendant asked what the work would cost. Plaintiff could not give an exact estimate, but he said the cost would be about \$400 or a little more. The bill was for \$430, which sum, Mr. Crow explained, left plaintiff a profit of about \$50. Defendant was offering to pay \$200, which would leave plaintiff out of pocket. The master and chief engineer gave plaintiff a certificate saying that the work was satisfactory and they also signed the bills which plaintiff sent in. Mr. Namaze attempted to reduce practically every item in this bill, said Mr. Crow. It was rather significant of the

attitude this gentleman took up when bills came into him. Where he had not an agreed price he "cheesepared" as much as he could.

Mr. Turner objected to Mr. Crow's statements with regard to "cheeseparing." He should not make these remarks unless he could prove what he said.

The defence was that the charge was excessive, Capt. Douglas, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, marine surveyors, estimating \$200 as a reasonable figure or if the work was done at night \$212, which would allow \$80 profit.

Mr. Namaze, in the box, said he instructed plaintiff to do the work, but they did not agree upon any particular figure. He considered the item of \$430 for the fo'castle grossly excessive. With regard to alterations in the bill, Mr. Namaze said he queried one item only as a part of the work was done and for removing the ashes plaintiff's figure was above the regular charge.

In giving judgment, His Lordship said on the evidence before him he was unable to find that plaintiff was entitled to more than \$200. He gave judgment for that amount, plaintiff to pay costs of the action.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the C.R.C. in a friendly match with the H.K.C.C. on the latter's ground on Saturday—Wei Wing Lok, C. Choa, Geo. Lee, Lo Man Pan, G.A.V. Hall, Ho Wing Kin, H. Ching, J. Wong, A. J. Kew, W. Gittins and J.D. Knight.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Once more our thoughts centre on Ireland. That something exceedingly substantial has been gained by the Conference is shown by the cables published yesterday. Every right-thinking individual will be very pleased with the result. It is the interpretation of the mind of men and women of all shades of political opinion. Some no doubt, will express surprise at the extent of the concessions given by the Government in the new charter of Irish liberty, but at any rate, that is something to the lasting credit of the Coalition Ministry. Throughout the whole of the negotiations the two essentials absolutely necessary for settlement have always been in evidence—generosity and courage—and the pity of it all is—but make no mistake, we'll let that stick to the wall.

As I'll admit that the foregoing is maybe no' in my usual style, but man, I've been terribly handicapped. For months now Joe, he put his foot down wi' a heavy hand as regards me writing anything about Ireland. He eye maintained that any comment, either way, in the *Telegraph* would no' only be unfair but may be embarrassing into the bargain. Well, I'm glad now I hearkened to him for I wouldn't like it to have been said, in the event of the Conference falling through, that I had contributed in any way to its failure. Last night, then, the ban was lifted but I was to sling the dope a bit rather than rake up old grievances, meaning thereby that I wasn't to do any crowing, him knowing fine that all along I've been pro-Irish and anti-Ulster. But I've no' given that way anyway, so he needna' have fashed himself.

Well, to continue on the lines as laid down by hand-fed editors and journalists who know no better, speculation has now in a large measure ceased to play round the subject of the Irish negotiations. Ireland will have a sounder and better opportunity of understanding herself now that she's got self-government. If mistakes are made in administration then the blame will fall on Irishmen themselves and their natural alertness and intelligence will have to find scope in seeking palliatives other than grouching at Dublin Castle or vituperation "agin the Government" across the Channel.

It'll be a great handicap for a while but they'll get over it in time. Ay, Dublin Castle and the Westminister Parliament will no longer be targets for denunciatory fusillades. (How's that for pure English, Joe?). Representative government then, should infuse breadth into Irish life. Oh! they'll manage all right, for however rotten and mistaken they may have been in their ideas of asserting their rights, we must admit that they've had courage of vision and their recent documents do not suggest that the

minds of Irishmen are in a condition of mediæval stagnation. And what's more, under settled conditions the intellect of the Irish nation should prove to be as bright and as modern as that of any other country in the world. (Maybe a bit adjectival that last, Joe, but they help wonderfully in filling up.)

Throughout the whole of this bad business one important factor mustn't be forgotten and that was the strangely silent, marvelously patient way in which our people have endured this caterwauling at their very doors. If, after this forbearance there is wilful obstruction to sincere and reasonable efforts along the lines of good government, so much the worse for the wreckers. And Ulster'll have to take a thought in this very connection. *Conscience and altogether a geographical matter* and the people of the Six Counties which go to make political Ulster will have to take a tumble and savvy that there are lots of other folks in no way imbued wi' the sole idea that Ulster is superior in things moral and material to the rest of Ireland. Too long have we been fed wi' this notion in order to bring our sympathies into line wi' the religious prejudices of the Ulster Orangeman. But now that Carson is a Law Lord and Birkenhead on the Woolsack, we've gone far to come to an understanding. It's a pity both of them heads' been put in jail long ago in which case the Irish business might have been settled before it was. If you or I had got up on a soap box in Hyde Park, London, The Mount, Edinburgh or Glasgow Green and said a tenth part of what Carson has on many occasions said regarding Ireland, we'd have been locked up. Bad scran to them.

You'll see Ulster'll kick, especially when it comes to the fixing of boundaries and the taking of plebiscites. But it's up to the rest of Ireland, wi' their claim that the country is one and indivisible, to go on wi' the practical experiment of self-government and to prove to the Belfast man that he will be better inside than outside a Dublin Parliament. The strength and impartiality of new representative institutions in the South will be a better guarantee to Ulster as regards actual unity, than pledges or Acts of Parliament. (Nearly finished Joe, just a wee peroration and I'm through.)

Yes, gentlemen, and other readers, the ideal of a United Ireland will now best be obtained by the ability of Southern Ireland to rule justly, and to demonstrate in every manner that legislative independence, as opposed to force, has laid the foundations of Irish prosperity. That is a great work surely for Irishmen of all creeds and classes. (Long and prolonged cheers!)

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Handsome New N.Y.K. Vessel.

The new N.Y.K. steamer *Hakone Maru* arrived this morning and a visit to her revealed a very handsome vessel. The decks are roomy, the cabins—there are suites of rooms and a number of single-berth cabins—commodious and comfortable. She resembles the *Suwa Maru* and *Fushimi Maru* in many respects, but there are a number of improvements. There is, for instance, a children's promenade on the boat deck and a nursery on the bridge deck. The lounge, soft-carpeted and beautifully appointed, and the reading room off it are attractive rooms. The selection of books for the library has been well done and one particularly noticed that serious readers had been well catered for. The second-class accommodation is very good and improvements have been made in the third-class quarters as compared with other N.Y.K. vessels.

The dimensions etc. of the vessel are:—
Length O.A. ... 315 feet
Breadth ... 62 feet
Depth ... 57 feet
Tonnage, gross ... 10,423
Displacement ... 18,900
Speed ... 15 knots
Engines—Two sets Parsons double reduction geared turbines. Twin screws.

The vessel has a double bottom throughout and is divided into eight watertight compartments, designed in accordance with the British bulkhead system for passenger boats.

In regard to wireless installation, fire extinguishing apparatus, disinfecting appliances, and other equipment, the *Hakone Maru* is in no particular behind the newest European and American liners.

Accommodation is provided for 115 first class, 55 second class and 158 third class passengers.

In addition to being a superb passenger liner, the *Hakone Maru* has excellent facilities for handling cargo. Her loading capacity is 10,600 tons dead-weight and 12,000 tons measurement. The lifting appliances near passenger quarters are designed so as to minimise noise.

The new vessel is the first Japanese steamer to be fitted with double reduction geared turbines.

Two other steamers *Haruna Maru* and *Hakozaki Maru*, now under construction, are similar to the *Hakone Maru* in equipment.

The *Hakone Maru* brought 25 cabin passengers and 23 steerage passengers to Hongkong. She had a total of 199 passengers on board.

Passed.

Mr. J. M. Xavier has passed as first-class engineer. Mr. A. M. Jewell as second mate, steamships, and Mr. Lawrence L. St. John Mundy as first mate steamships.

The Crowded Harbour.

Seldom has Hongkong Harbour held more large vessels at any one time than it did this morning. Of vessels of over 3,000 tons we noted the following:—*Empress of Russia*, *Empire State*, *Golden State*, *Keystone State*, *Amazona*, *Hakone Maru*, *Nanking*, *Nile*, *Talhybuis*, *Laomedon*, *Takada*, *Rakuyo Maru*, *West Prospect*, *Kaga Maru*, *Paludina*, *Tibodas* and *Mattawa*—no fewer than seventeen. Recently we gave some figures showing an unusually large number of vessels in the harbour. This morning's record was, in respect of tonnage, better. It is as follows:—

| No. of Vessels | Tonnage |
|----------------|---------|
| British | 29 |
| American | 7 |
| Japanese | 12 |
| Chinese | 14 |
| French | 2 |
| Norwegian | 4 |
| Dutch | 1 |
| Portuguese | 1 |
| 70 | 159,357 |

This shows a decrease of 8 in the number of vessels but an increase in tonnage of just over 22,000 compared with the previous occasion, some weeks ago, when the harbour was rather crowded.

Measles on Board.

The *Nile* which arrived from Singapore this morning brought 30-1st class, 155-2nd class and 536 Chinese passengers and 52 bags of mail; also a case of measles.

Leaving to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Fook are leaving this afternoon for Shanghai by the *Empire State*.

Starting Earlier.

We are asked to state that the *Keystone State* which arrived to-day from Manila will leave for San Francisco at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday in place of noon, the usual sailing time of *Admiral Line* steamers.

DAY BY DAY.

Russell Moore and James Brown, two boiler-makers from the Shipping Board liner *Golden State*, were found in an inebriated state on the *Praya East* yesterday. They were taken to the Police Station and were to have figured as defendants in a charge of "drunk and disorderly" at the Police Court this morning. They failed to turn up, however, and their bail was ordered by the Magistrate to be estreated.

After carrying on a game of hide-and-seek for two nights C.P.O. Watt this morning had the satisfaction of bringing two Chinese before the Magistrate and charging them with preparing non-government opium. Mr. F.N. D'Almada entered a plea of guilty on behalf of the first defendant, but the second prisoner pleaded not guilty. Under the circumstances there was nothing for Mr. D'Almada to do but to ask for an adjournment of the case, which was granted.

Chan Cheuk Sing, a merchant of 121 Queen's Road Central, reports that he has been made the victim of a forgery by a man whose identity is unknown to him. It appears that a man presented him with a promissory note made out in the name of a firm at Singapore. The amount he was asked to pay was \$4,000, but it was not until the stranger had departed with the money that he discovered that the figure "40" had been altered to appear as "4,000." He is now anxiously awaiting the investigation being made by the police.

A Chinese stone-breaker was this morning brought before Mr. K. E. Lindsell on a charge of being in unlawful possession of seven and a half sticks of dynamite. The man was yesterday stopped by a detective while returning from work on a new road on the mainland, and very reluctantly submitted to the search that resulted in the discovery of a parcel of explosives concealed under his jacket. The Magistrate asked the Prosecuting Police Officer if the explosives were intended for fishing purposes, and the reply was in the affirmative. A fine of \$50 with the option of four weeks' hard labour was inflicted by the Magistrate.

SHELL DIVIDEND.

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China advise us that they have received the following telegram from their London Office:—

"The Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd., London, have declared a dividend on the Ordinary shares payable to all shareholders registered on 5th December 1921 of 2-per share free of Income tax, payable 5th January 1922, on account of year 1921. Bearer Warrants Coupon payable 38."

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

VISCOUNT NORTHCLEFFE.

Singapore, Dec. 7. Viscount Northcliffe attended a dinner given by Java pressmen at Welterreden on Monday and in a brilliant speech pointed out that the British and Dutch peoples had the same object in colonial work. He pointed out the great significance and power of news agencies. Well-handled news was a mighty weapon for peace. He greatly admired the Aneta Bureau which was not less important than the best European and American bureaux. He added that a proper news organisation was a world want though accurate news was the last thing democratic governments wanted who only wanted the public to believe their speeches.

Viscount Northcliffe returns to Singapore on Thursday.

In Wireless Communication.

The following vessels were in wireless communication with the port at 2.30 p.m. to-day:—*Toshima Maru*, *Lake Gifano*, *Rough*, *Juno*, *Hermes*, *Caddo*, *Peak*, *Tosari*, *Empress of Russia*, *Small*, *Taiyo Maru* and *Mecas*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Cruelty to Animals.

Sir.—Reading over the Report of the annual meeting of the recently formed Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, it was a matter of great surprise to me to learn that its total membership, so far, is only 333.

Surely there are more animal lovers in the Colony? If there are, (and I feel there must be) I wonder what are the reasons that they withhold from joining a Society whose aims and views regarding our defenceless dumb friends agree with their own. We know that animals here, as elsewhere, suffer unnecessarily from cruel hands and I do not think that any one who claims affection for dumb animals should delay in doing their part of joining and thereby assisting to get the Society on a sound financial basis, and also encourage the Society by the knowledge that they have the support and sympathy of all animal lovers in the Colony. So far, it has not had much opportunity to do very much active work, owing to the usual necessary details having to be attended to first.

I am sure any friendly criticisms would be welcomed, and any faults remedied, as far as possible, should any one care to point them out, but each member should remember, that whilst they are delaying to assist, animals are silently suffering; in many instances on their way to be slaughtered in order to provide us with food. I earnestly hope that each animal lover will immediately assist in making the society a real live organization in this Colony.

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MINUET IN G
The Minuet in G belongs to a group of minuets, written by Beethoven in 1796, while he was making one of his rare concert tours. The composer played this work on his tour. Originally composed for orchestra, these minuets were afterward re-written for the piano, and were published as piano solos. They are also popular to-day in violin arrangements. A perfect example of the minuet form, with trio.

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"SMOULDERING EMBERS."

Notable Picture at the Coronet.

There is nothing sensational, nothing thrilling about "Smouldering Embers," this evening's big Coronet Theatre attraction, "but there is something impressive, something dramatic. It is convincing. With the circumstances a little less strange, perhaps, the principal characters are all persons we know. Undoubtedly "Smouldering Embers" is a picture that rings true.

Though there is nothing sensational about this fine production the interest never for a moment flags. Everything is surely moving towards the final denouement and the most laconic remark, the most thrilling incident is often deep with significance. It is this quality of sustained interest next to its masterly character drawing that makes "Smouldering Embers" a notable picture.

It is unfair to a clever story to indicate the plot before hand. That it is worthy of the capable acting and the fine photography is enough. The unscrupulous major outwardly a pillar of the community but secretly the owner of a dissolute road house; his selfish wife, a society climber; her son, by a former husband—manly but impulsive; the impossibly aristocratic daughter of a "useful" politician; the cheerfully unaffected daughter of the old cobbler, and—most fateful of all—a philosophic old tramp who emerges from his dusty obscurity for a brief period in which he uses an almost forgotten secret with powerful effect—these are the principal characters in this wonderful drama of real life.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY

Nearly all the municipalities are taking the Royal hint, and dispensing with their usual festivities at the beginning of the mayoral year, observes a London paper. The Lord Mayor's dinner is retained not only because it provides work for many people and broken meats for many of the poor, but because it has a certain historical significance from the fact that so many eminent men have delivered great speeches at the dinner over so long a period. Nothing did so much to shake the Wellington Government 90 years ago as its advice to the King that it would not be safe for him to dine with the Lord Mayor.

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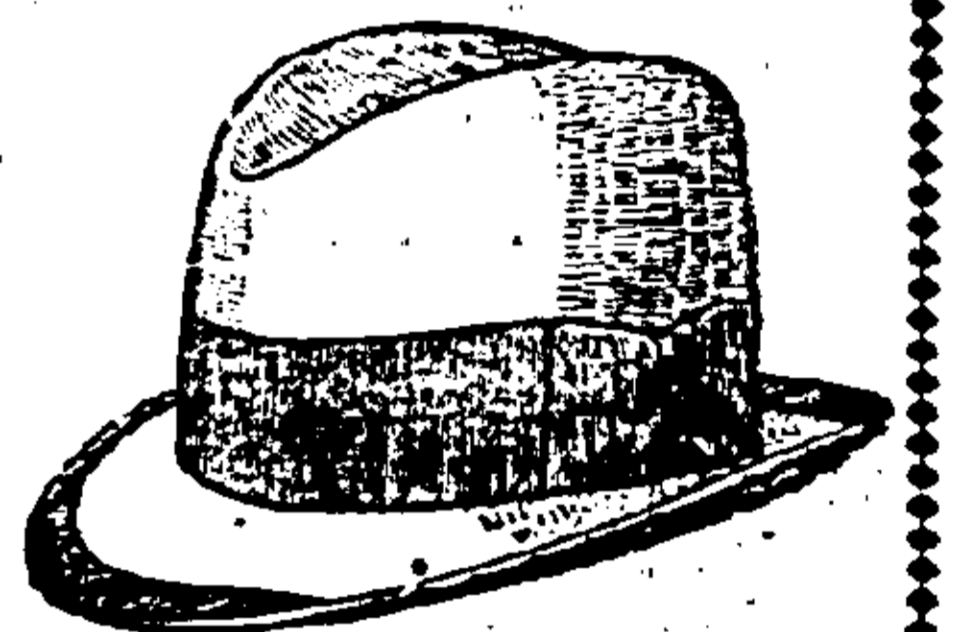
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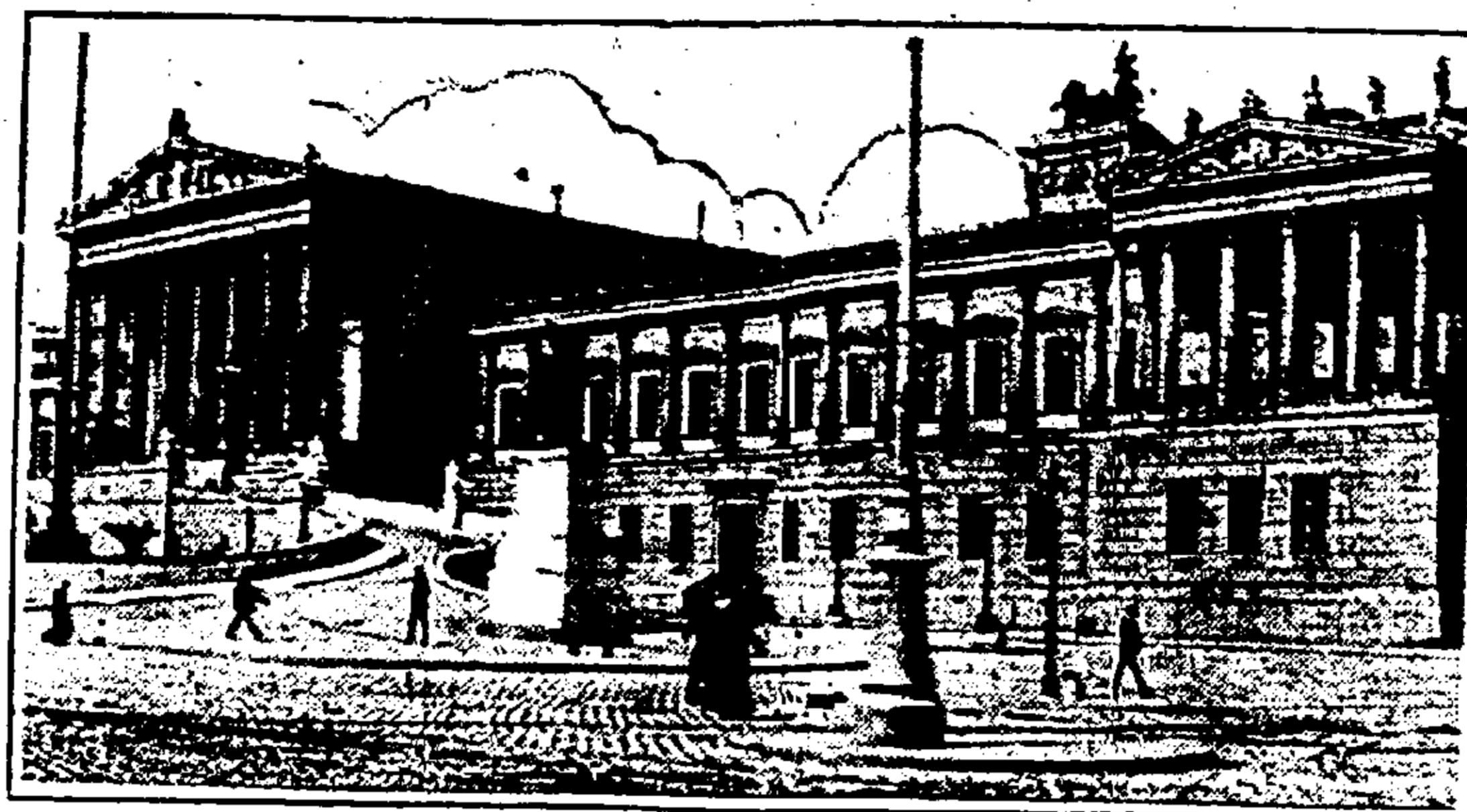
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CAMERA NEWS



Latest picture of Sir Edward Carson, the retired Ulster leader, snapped at home with his youngster.



Austrian Parliament Buildings, Vienna, where serious rioting took place last week.



A toreador tried to throw the bull in the Barcelona bull ring. However, the bull threw him, as you see by this picture.



Von Hindenburg, German Field-Marshal, as a church deacon. In silken robe and carrying a nosegay of flowers, he is seen leaving church after the festival of the Brandenburg Cathedral.



Two underfed children, huddled on the pavement of Kasan, Russia, receive a package of food from the hands of Dr. Vernon Kellogg, of the American Relief Administration. He was the first relief worker to reach that famine-stricken town.

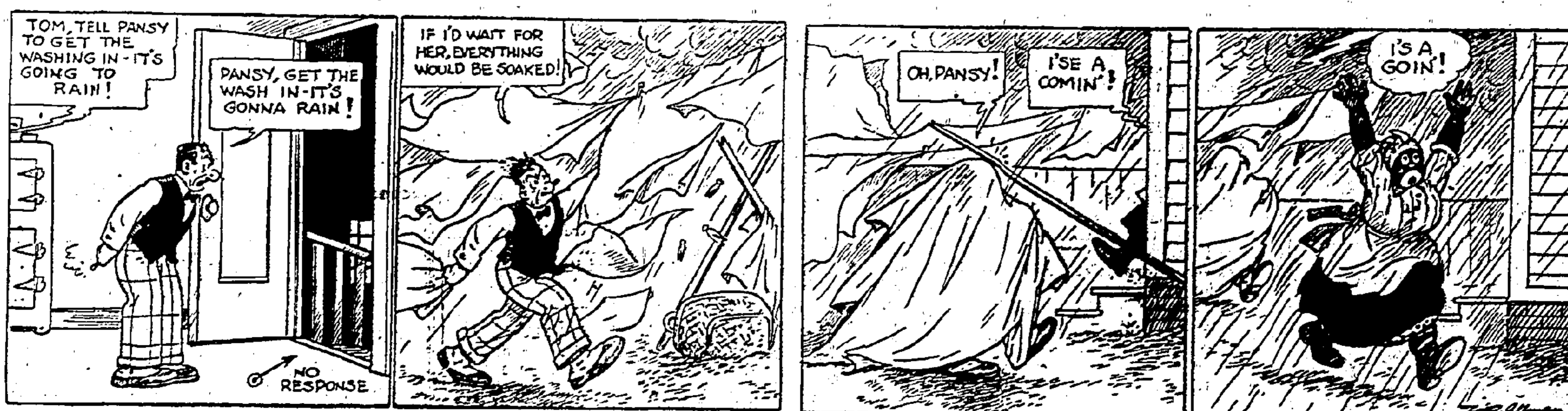


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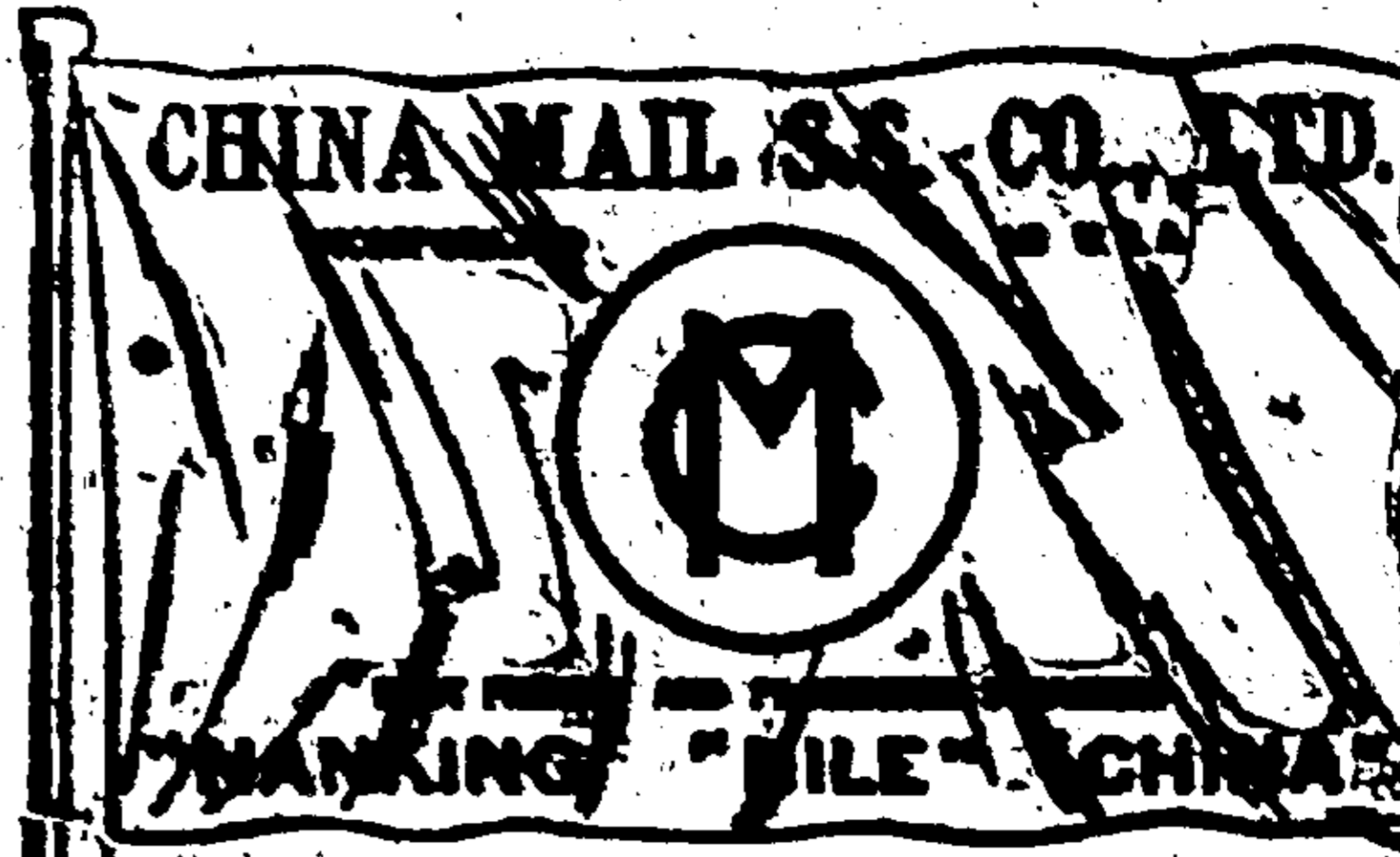
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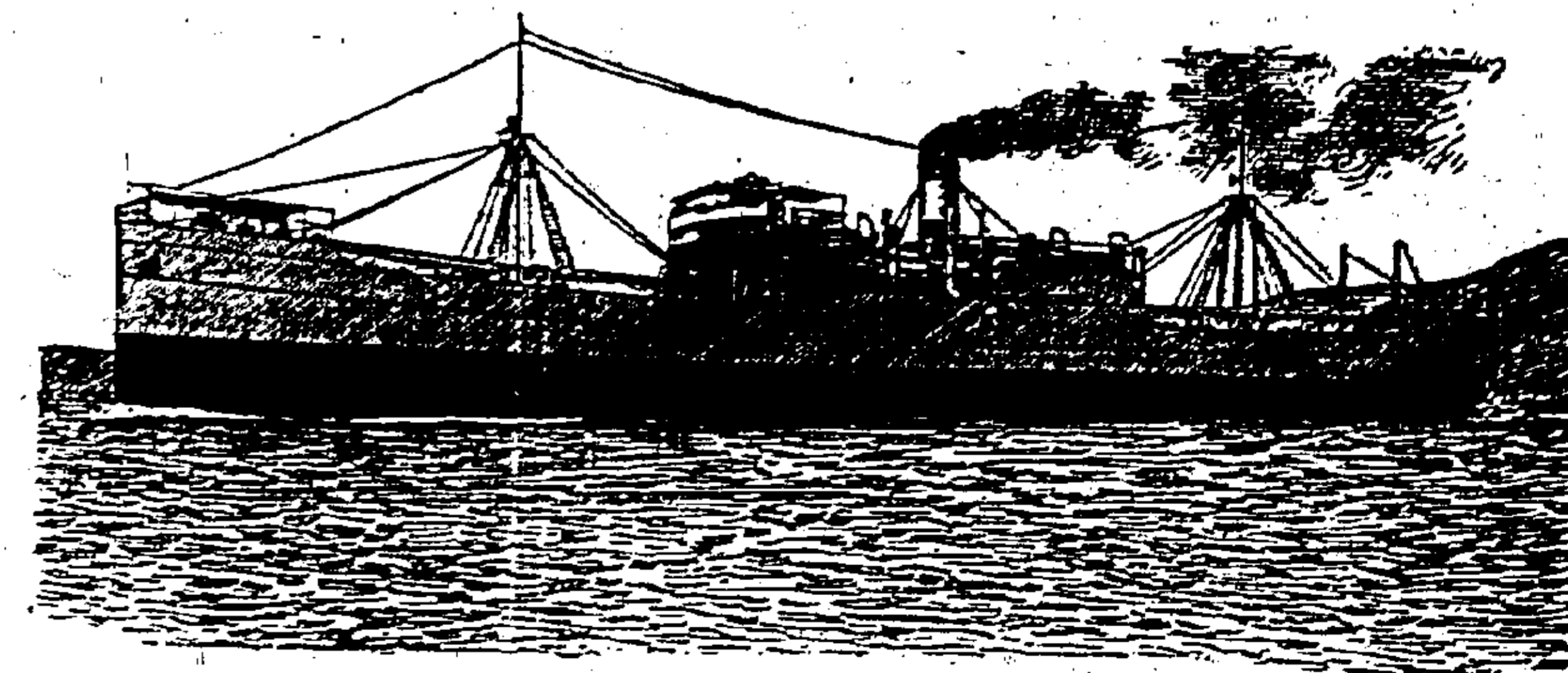
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

TIENSIN COTTON EXCHANGE.
Mr. Chao Ting-nai and others petitioned the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce to change the Cotton, Cotton-yarn and Cotton-cloth Exchange in Tientsin to "The Tientsin Cotton Exchange."

CHINESE INCOME TAX.

In reply to a request of the General Chamber of Commerce for abolition of Income Tax and the Stamp Tax on Pass and Account Books, the Ministry of Finance says that the revenues of Income Tax are to be devoted to education and industry, and that those of the Stamp Tax on Pass and Account Books are to be used as the sinking fund for the Tenth Year Domestic Loan.

NEW BANKS.

Yeh Kung-cho, Ma Yu-shan, Chow Tso-ming and General Fong Ken-kong have proposed to establish the "Fow Ming Bank" in Peking. The subscribed capital will be \$5,000,000. Application for registration at the Ministry of Finance has been approved and the Preparation Bureau of the Bank has been opened at 88, Si Chiao Ming Siang, Peking.

MORE OF THEM.

A Cotton cloth Exchange has been organized in Ningpo. An organizers' meeting has been called and temporary offices established. The Nanchang Stock Exchange of Nanchang, Kiangsi, organized by Chen Tuog-fu has requested the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce for registration. The Sino-Foreign Stock and Produce Exchange at Rue Montauban, Shanghai, was formally opened on November 12. The Shanghai Metal and Hardware Exchange is about to be opened.

SHANGHAI SHARES.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co., Shanghai, in their circular of 26th November, state: While the enquiry for Rubber shares still exists, the highest prices offered fail to tempt holders save for trifling lots and thus little business results. In other directions the market is practically dead, or if only sleeping, it appears more like an hibernation than natural slumber. Under these conditions we have devoted a portion of the superfluity of spare time to the compilation of a more complete list of the Cotton Mills constructed or to be constructed in China. This list will be found at the back of the Circular this and next week, and while not strictly accurate it is as nearly so as possible. Debentures—Further lines came out for sale during the week and the position is slightly less firm than usual of late.—Docks & Engineering.—Shanghai. Either the long delay in announcing the consummation of the Company's sale of Pootung frontage land or considerable forward purchases by weak hands has resulted in a drop to 115 at which price, with unimpaired earning power, and less the promised return of capital, shares look cheap. New Engineering "ordinary." A further fall to 8½ was followed by a return to 8¾. The "preference" issue remains at 4½, steady.

